



FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH-BELTSVILLE, Inc.

P.O. Box 1061

Beltsville, Maryland 20704-1061

The FAR-B Board of Directors met on February 12, 1991 in Room 402 NAL Building. Those in attendance were: A. Piringer, W. Bailey, F. Longen, W. Hollis, J. Moseman, R. Steere, Essex E. Finney, Jr., and G. Hupfer. Guests included William J. VanDerWoude and Steve Berberich.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Al Piringer.

Minutes for the December meeting were approved as amended: page 1, should read "beneficial" fungi instead of "good" fungi.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 1) Dr. Irving did show up for the January meeting (canceled because of snow)
- 2) Dr. Bill Wergen (a member of FAR-B) attended the ceremony in Colorado for Dr. Steere's award.
- 3) Since our last newsletter Ralph Hodgson has passed away. He has been a FAR-B member for a number of years. An article about him will be in the next newsletter. Frank Longen also noted that Max Chambers had died.

SYMPOSIUM XVI REPORT

Dr. VanDerWoude, Co-Chairman, submitted for discussion a tentative budget for the Symposium, a draft of the 1st Announcement, and list of confirmed speakers and titles for lead-off talks. FAR-B was asked to consider a commitment of \$10,000 for Symposium speaker travel support (a total of \$20,000 is budgeted for this purpose).

Frank Longen said there was a decline in last year's contributions from industry for Symposium support. He projected \$5-8000 for Symposium XVI. He suggested offering, as an incentive, a 1 year membership in FAR-B and a copy of the proceedings. He added that the treasury was carrying over some funds from previous symposia that could be used.

Dr. VanDerWoude said the announcement would go to all Universities. He will work with Frank Longen in soliciting outside support.

Related to the Photomorphogenesis Symposium: William Hollis volunteered to initiate a letter to the Secretary proposing that the historic PhotoPeriod House, west of Building 006, be designated as an Historical Landmark.

NATIONAL VISITOR CENTER REPORT

Steve Berberich reported the Visitor's Center has been quiet since the Holidays but is picking up now. He brought a brochure from the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation. He said they wanted to work with us to promote agriculture in the schools. They would also like to work with the Visitor's Center in getting an exhibit on Agricultural Science at the Maryland Science Center in Baltimore. They are interested in finding Industrial contacts for financial support of their exhibit.

AREA OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Finney reported on the following:

- The President's proposed budget for 1992 includes \$40,000,000 targeted at programs including food quality and safety.
- \$16,000,000 to be allocated to all CRIS's

- \$20,000,000 for modernization at Beltsville (last year's budget was only \$16,000,000). Steny Hoyer was a strong supporter of this. He reports how The Beltsville Research Center benefits other states.
- As of March 1, Edward Madigan will be the new Secretary of Agriculture. He is well respected in Congress and has been a strong supporter of agricultural research.
- Bill Chase is retiring as the Pacific West Area Director in California. Bob Reginato is replacing him.
- On February 1, 50 members of Senator Barbara Mukulski's staff spent the day here at Beltsville.
- Beltsville Area's adopted school, Nicholas Orem Middle School, has requested financial assistance in purchasing a microscope for use in the classrooms. FAR-B will consider funding this.
- Symposium XVII, "Water Quality - Agriculture and the Environment" will be held in May. The title was discussed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- To stimulate interest in getting new members and inform current members, Frank Longen has arranged with the ARS Information Division for FAR-B members to receive the monthly Agricultural Research Magazine with their memberships. This will be detailed in the next newsletter.

<u>Regular Account:</u>	Balance on hand 11/23/90	\$12,415.81
	<u>Income since 11/13/90:</u>	
	Interest	\$226.30
	Membership Renewals	20.00
	Outside Contributions	68.10
	<u>Total Income</u>	314.40
	<u>Expenses since 11/13/90</u>	
	Postage	-146.30
	<u>Balance as of 2/12/91</u>	<u>\$12,583.91</u>
 <u>Conf. & Symposia:</u>	Balance on hand 11/13/90	\$30,588.74
	<u>Income since 11/13/90</u>	
	Interest	629.83
	<u>Expenses since 11/13/90</u>	
	Honorarium (Melvin Westwood)	-250.00
	<u>Balance as of 2/12/91</u>	<u>\$30,968.57</u>

NEWSLETTER REPORT

Jane Wall and Ginger Hupfer will be getting Newsletter out March 1.

NEW BUSINESS

The annual business meeting will be held 3/12/91 in the Lincoln Room at 1:00 p.m. The regular meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Finney will give an overview of The Beltsville Research Center and Dr. Piringer will discuss what was accomplished this past year.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia L. Hupfer

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Executive Secretary

***** NEXT MEETING *****
NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING is Tuesday, March 12, 1991, 1:00 p.m., at the Visitor's Center.



FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH-BELTSVILLE, Inc.

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The FAR-B Board of Directors met on March 12, 1991 in the Lincoln Room at the National Visitor's Center. Those in attendance were: A. Piringer, W. Bailey, F. Longen, J. Wall, W. Hollis, J. Moseman, R. Steere, A. Hanson, E. E. Finney, Jr., and G. Hupfer.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 by President Al Piringer.

Minutes for the February meeting were approved as distributed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Information on the Maryland Agricultural Education, Inc. (provided by Steve Berberich) was passed out for information purposes only.

Gus Hanson was introduced as a nominee to the Board of Directors.

TREASURER'S REPORT

-- Longen paid \$7,665.00 for copies of Symposium IXV proceedings. We will be billed for shipping charges. We will be billed approximately \$4,900 for colored plates used in connection with the printing of the Special Issue of the journal, Remote Sensing of the Environment. This journal is publishing the proceedings of Symposium XV in the Special Issue.

General Account:

Balance as of Treasurer's Report of 2/12/91: \$12,583.91

Income since 2/12/91:

Interest	\$72.33	72.33
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Expenses since 2/12/91:

Chk. #117-Daniels Printing/Envelopes	110.00	-110.00
Balance as of March 12, 1991:		\$12,546.24

Conferences & Symposia Accounts:

	Non-Interest Bearing Acct. #16-2034939	Interest Bearing Acct. #16-7800701	TOTAL
Balance as of 2/12/91:	\$5,361.04	\$25,607.53	\$30,968.57
<u>Income since 2/12/91:</u>			
Interest	-	147.04	147.04

Expenses since 2/12/91:

Chk. #101-Kluwer Academic Pub./Symp. Proceedings Symp.IXV.	-	7,665.00	-7,665.00
Balance as of 3/12/91:	\$5,361.04	\$18,089.57	\$23,450.61

TREASURER'S REPORT (Cont.)

In accordance with the Ethics in Government Act, an honorarium check must be written to the organization intended to benefit from it, not to the scientist to which it was awarded.

AREA OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Finney reported on the following:

- graduate student, Jeannie Allen, is seeking outside funds for some new facilities she wishes to construct at Beltsville. Determining it is too large of a project, and the uncertainty of the funds involved, ARS decided not to proceed with her requests. Dr. Finney would be her contact correspondent.
- Symposium XVI was detailed in the March Newsletter and we will be addressing it at the annual meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- William Hollis visited Nicholas Orem Middle School and reported that they were interested in a microscope that would project on a screen.
- Dr. Borkovec retired at the end of January.
- Dr. Finney reminded us that Ed Madigan was being sworn in as Secretary of Agriculture.

Frank Longen brought up the subject of FAR-B Outstanding Scientist Award. The scientist should be retired and accomplished in the subject of the symposium.

There being no other business to conduct the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia L. Hupfer

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Executive Secretary

* * * * * NEXT MEETING * * * * *

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING is Tuesday, April 9, 1991, 1:00 pm., Room 402, NAL Building.



Betty - Return for meeting on
May 14th. Thanks - EF

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The FAR-B Board of Directors met on April 9, 1991 in Room 402 NAL Building. Those in attendance were: Judy St. John, George Irving, Albert A. Piringer, Frank Longen, William Hollis, William A. Bailey, Jane Wall, John Moseman, and Ginger Hupfer. Guests at the meeting included William J. VanDerWoude.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 by President Al Piringer.

Minutes for the March meeting were approved as distributed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Finney notified Ms. Allen that due to the scope of the Bio Diversity Project and the Demonstration Garden and the uncertain financial commitment, BARC would be unable to vote resources to support this project.
- Reported that Peggy Duke had agreed to work with Dr. Allan Stoner and create the maps depicting the origins of spices and culinary herbs - possibly having them completed to correspond with Columbus' Anniversary.
- Dr. Piringer will be on the program committee for BARC Poster Day set for February 92.

SYMPOSIUM XVI REPORT

Dr. VanDerWoude reported there are 20 lead speakers and 30 short speakers firm. Many more pre-registrants plan to give posters. There will be a need for approximately 100 poster stands with boards. There was a brief discussion on whether FAR-B, the symposium account, or the area office would make a commitment for the poster stands. Dr. VanDerWoude will direct a letter to Dr. Piringer and Dr. Finney for their joint consideration.

Dr. VanDerWoude is waiting for a response on the competitive Grant proposal that was submitted to firm up travel support commitments. Wednesday afternoon, September 25, there will be a bus excursion to Maryland's eastern shore - possibly St. Michaels - with sightseeing and crab feast. Expenses will be the responsibility of each individual. A draft of the letter soliciting support from industry for Beltsville Symposium XVI was distributed.

Outstanding Scientist Award - Dr. Irving, Chair, Frank Longen, John Moseman and Dr. VanDerWoude were appointed to a committee to investigate this.

AREA OFFICE REPORT

In the absence of Dr. Finney, Dr. Judy St. John reported on the following:

- Plans for a new Plant Sciences building are well underway. The building will house facilities for vegetables, fruit, florist and nursery. Research Leaders and scientists were consulted directly for their expertise. Fifty five firms submitted bids. The building is planned for a September 94 completion.
- George Leventhall, Senator Makulski's aide visited Beltsville. Mr. Leventhall displayed interest in Circle drive projects, new lands & signage at entrances.
- Congresswoman Louis Slaughter visited us.
- Harriett Kilby and Doris Roberts retired
- Dr. Robert Wright will be the new Research Leader of the Environmental Chemistry Lab, replacing J. Plimmer.
- Dr. J. Anderson is new Research Leader of Weed Science Lab.
- Merger of Plant Hormone Lab and Horticultural Crops Quality under Dr. A. Watada.
- Nancy Thrush entered PG County Women's Hall of fame. She was instrumental in creating the first federal day care facility at BARC 23 years ago.
- Job fair, April 19, at the Arboretum--work force diversity - area wide basis. There are 120 such vacancies. Will be multiple exhibits and information.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- \$4,900 bill pending for color plates used in connection with the printing of the Special Issue of the journal.
- Mr. Longen said he had had a lot of response from the postcard reminders he sent out. He wrote individual letters to companies.

General Account:

Balance as of Treasurer's Report of 3/12/91: \$12,546.24

Income since 3/12/91:

From Membership Renewals	\$895.00	
From Interest	<u>64.53</u>	
	\$959.53	959.53

Expenses since 3/12/91:

Chk. #118-V. Hupfer/Refreshments at annual meeting	28.99	
Chk. #119-Staples/Office Supplies	<u>9.81</u>	
	\$38.80	<u>-38.80</u>
Balance as of April 9, 1991:		\$13,466.97

Conferences & Symposia Account:

#16-2034939

#16-7800701

	<u>Non-Interest Bearing Acct.</u>	<u>Interest Bearing Acct.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance as of 3/12/91:	\$5,361.04	\$18,089.57	\$23,450.61
<u>Income since 3/12/91:</u>			
Interest	-	131.46	131.46
<u>Expenses since 3/12/91:</u>			
Chk. #268-Kluwer Academ.	1,101.68	-	1,101.68
Pub./Shipping Charges-			
Symp. XV Proceedings			
Balance as of April 9, 1991:	\$4,259.36	\$18,221.03	\$22,480.39

The report was approved as read.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia L. Hupfer

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Executive Secretary

* * * * * Next Meeting * * * * *

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING is Tuesday, May 14, 1991, 1:00 p.m., Room 402, NAL Building.



FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH-BELTSVILLE, Inc.

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The FAR-B Board of Directors met on May 14, 1991 in Room 402 NAL Building. Those in attendance were: Albert A. Piringer, Frank Longen, Essex E. Finney Jr., William Hollis, George Irving, John Moseman, Jane Wall, William Bailey, and Ginger Hupfer. Guests at the meeting included Phil Kearney, Timothy J. Gish, Ali Sadeghi and W. J. VanDerWoude.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 by President Al Piringer.

Minutes for the April meeting were approved as distributed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Reported that Steve Berberich sent a "thank you" for our financial support for the Visitor's Centers' "Take Pride in America" day.

SYMPOSIUM XVI REPORT

Dr. VanDerWoude reported that there were 120 pre-registrants. The 2nd and final announcement would soon be going out. Dr. VanDerWoude brought a question before FAR-B concerning the nature of the topic of the banquet speech, i.e. should the topic be on the theme of the symposium, or on a lighter subject? He suggested that it was common in some Photomorphogenesis symposia, not to have a banquet speaker. There was some discussion that the topics should be of general interest because of spouses in attendance. Some discussion on the speaker: an industrial company that is exploiting our technology; someone from the seed industry; the Secretary of Agriculture, Edward Madigan was suggested; Charlie Hess; Former Secretary of Agriculture, Clayton Yeutter.

AREA OFFICE REPORT

- Dr. Finney introduced the participants in the 1992 Symposium on water quality: Co-chairmen, Dr. Timothy Gish from the Hydrology Lab and Dr. Ali Sadeghi from the Pesticide Degradation Laboratory; and the Deputy Area Director of the Natural Resources Institute, Dr. Philip Kearney. He explained to the new participants that FAR-B was the key facilitator of the symposium. {Dr. Gish explained that Dr. Martin strongly suggested changing the 1992 symposium from August to May. He said he was exploring avenues on ideas of logos and wanted information on when funding would be available to pay for logos. Dr. Finney noted that Ms. Sandy Henry of the ARS Information Staff has to approve all logos used on official USDA programs. Frank Longen informed Dr. Gish that whenever he needed the funds, they would be available.}
- New Secretary's wife, Mrs. Madigan is scheduled to visit BARC May 22, for an all day

tour and briefing.

- There will be a reception and program for the ARS Hall of Fame Honorees, June 11, 1991 at 6:00 at the National Arboretum: The Honorees are John Weinberger (Fruit Variety Development, and Walter Wischmeir (Universal Soil Loss Equation).
- On June 12, 1991, the USDA Honor Awards Ceremony will be held at 10:00 at the Departmental Auditorium. Howard Brooks, Rufus Chaney and Bill Brodie will receive Superior Service Awards and there will be a group award to the Animal Improvement Programs Lab.
- NPS Update: There is a proposal to restructure the National Program Staff to be headed by 5 Associate Deputy Administrators. Howard Brooks is acting now. Jerry Combs retired May 4, 1991. Dr. Jackie Dupont is newly hired for Human Nutrition Research.
- Paul James (ARS retired) died May 10, 1991. Memorial Service will be June 2 at 2 p.m., 2201 Metzert Road. Orville Vogel died last month. John Folkerson and James Hughes also passed away.
- Status of University of Maryland Building proposal for a building to house the Natural Resources and Environmental Science Program: There is debate over the site of the building - College Park campus or BARC. This is a ten million dollar project.
- Eight outside reviewers visited the Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, May 16 & 17 for a Program Review.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Mr. Longen reported that the Hawaiian Sugar Planter's Association sent a \$500.00 payment; also 125 members responded. Fourteen companies responded to the solicitation letter and all were negative.

General Account:

Balance as of Treasurer's Report of 4/9/91: \$13,466.97

Income since 4/9/91:

New Members	\$20.00	
Membership Renewals	1,765.00	
Interest	<u>71.60</u>	
	\$1,856.60	1,856.60

Expenses since 4/9/91:

Chk. #120 - Postmaster/Postage 164.00
& Post Cards

Chk. #121 - Agrc. Res. Service/
Sal. of Summer Appraiser 800.00
\$1,964.00

Balance as of May 14, 1991:

-1,964.00
\$13,359.57

Conference & Symposia Accounts:

	#16-2034939 <u>Non-Int. Bear.</u>	#16-7800701 <u>Int. Bearing</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Balance as of 4/9/91:	\$4,259.36	\$18,221.03	\$22,480.39

Income since 4/9/91:

Interest	-	102.92	102.92
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<u>Expenses since 4/9/91:</u>	-	-	-
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Balance as of May 14, 1991	\$4,259.36	\$18,323.95	\$22,583.31
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The report was approved as read.

COMMITTEE REPORT

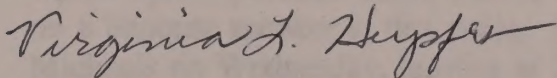
Outstanding Scientist Award - Dr. Irving, Chair, reported that John Moseman, Frank Longen, and Dr. VanDerWoude met May 13 to consider 21 prospective scientists to receive the Award. Vivian Kearns Toole, a scientist who had been with the project from it's inception until it ceased was recommended. Her selection was moved and seconded. Dr. Piringer asked Dr. Irving to present the award to Vivian K. Toole. Frank Longen and Dr. VanDerWoude will work up the citation to go on the plaque. This is the 5th such award. FAR-B will absorb expenses involved in her being here.

NEW BUSINESS

Jane Wall asked Dr. Finney and Dr. Piringer to send their newsletter articles to Ginger. June 15th is the target date for the Newsletter.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Virginia L. Hupfer
Executive Secretary

***** Next Meeting *****

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8/5/91

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by President Al Piringer.

Minutes for the May meeting were approved as corrected; page 2 should read John Fulkerson instead of John Folkerson.

It was announced that Bill Hollis' wife had passed away.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- ARS Hall of Fame Honorees will be hosted with a reception and program tonight at the National Arboretum.
- USDA Honor Awards Ceremony will be tomorrow at the Departmental Auditorium. Howard Brooks, Rufus Chaney and Bill Brodie will receive Superior Service Awards.
- Dr. Finney wrote a memo to Dr. Tim Gish explaining FAR-B's role in his upcoming symposium and explained further who must review his choice of logo. Dr. Piringer showed the logo for his symposium.

SYMPOSIUM XVI REPORT

Dr. VanDerWoude reported there were 135 pre-registrants. Pre-registrations continue to come in from students, local and foreign scientists and Beltsville Area staff. The 30 minute and 20 minute speakers are chosen. The symposium received \$7,000 from the Competitive Grant proposal submitted by VanDerWoude and Britz. The symposium needs stands for 100 posters. Dr. VanDerWoude has located some in storage at the Visitor Center. Seventy five people have signed up for posters. There will be many oral presentations. There has been no decision made on a banquet speaker at this point. Dr. VanDerWoude gave a briefing on the excursion to St. Michaels on Wednesday, leaving at 12:00 and arriving back at 10:00 pm.

It was announced that Vivian K. Toole had been chosen for the Outstanding Scientist Award. Frank Longen and Dr. VanDerWoude will work on the citation to go on the plaque. Mr. Longen inquired whether invitations should be sent to certain politicians. If so, they should be sent mid-August. The Embassies should be informed. Mr. Longen said there had been a disappointing response to the solicitation letters sent to the various commercial companies; most cited budget restraints. He said LI-COR contributed \$250.

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AREA OFFICE REPORT

In the absence of Dr. Finney, Dr. G. C. Marten reported on the following:

- BA Scientist-of-the-Year for 1991
Dante S. Zarlenga of the Biosystematic Parasitology Laboratory, LPSI was named Early Career Research Scientist. Her contributions was in food safety dealing with new methods for diagnosis of the parasites that cause trichinellosis in swine and tapeworm in cattle.
- Orville A Levander of the Vitamin & Mineral Nutrition Laboratory, BHNRC was named Senior Research Scientist. His work increased understanding of the role of the antioxidant nutrients, Se and Vitamin E, in human health. His work led to establishment of a Recommended Dietary Allowance for Se. His research on Vitamin E points the way to a promising method of malaria control which will soon be tested in China.
- On June 4, 1991, Dr. Plowman visited Beltsville. Dr. Plowman was given a helicopter tour of the Center and in the afternoon Dr. Finney took him on a tour of the livestock facilities.
- Approval was given by the Administrator to proceed with construction of new dairy facilities - free-stall barn for \$2 million and commodity storage for \$1 million.
- Possibility of a compressed schedule for Range 2 greenhouse construction to finish job in 3 years or less rather than 4 years originally listed. (1994-1995 all would be done)
- American Type Culture Collection Update - Dr. Finney and others met with ATCC Director, Bob Stevenson, last week. They are seeking matching funds from CSRS to build a \$46 million building at BARC. We would lease the land.
- 2 Supergrades - Vernon G. Pursel of the Reproduction Laboratory was promoted to Supergrade, effective June 2, 1991. His research features transfer of genes into swine. Barbara Leonhardt, RL of the Insect Chemical Ecology Laboratory waits a placement in a senior Executive Service slot when one becomes available. Her research features chemistry of pheromones and other chemicals that affect insect behavior.
- Mrs. Madigan along with 8 other Agency Administrative spouses, visited Beltsville and met with spokespersons of several labs from 10 am to 3 pm at National Visitor's Center and BHNRC. They enjoyed a bus tour of BARC to several Plant Science locations.
- New landscaping and new entrance signs for BARC-West have been planned. Initial Plantings are now in progress.

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Account:

Balance as of Treasurer's Report of 5/14/91:

\$13,359.57

Income: (Since 5/14/91)

Membership Renewals	\$40.00
Outside Cont. & New Membership	250.00
Credit on Foreign Check-Dr. Bills	90.26
Royalty/Honorarium	
Interest	84.32
	\$464.58

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Expenses: (Since 5/14/91)
None

Balance as of June 11, 1991: \$13,824.15

Conferences & Symposia Accounts:

	#16-2034939 <u>Non-Int. Bear.</u>	#16-7800701 <u>Int Bear.</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Balance as of 5/14/91	\$4,259.36	\$18,323.95	\$22,583.31

<u>Income since 5/14/91:</u>			
Interest	-	106.12	106.12

Expenses since 5/14/91:

#269 Talbot Co. Chamber of Commerce	5.55	-	-5.55
Balance as of June 11, 1991:	\$4,253.81	\$18,430.07	\$22,683.88

The report was approved as read.

NEWSLETTER

Jane Wall reported the Newsletter will be out Sept-Oct.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia L. Hupfer

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***** Next Meeting *****

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The meeting was called to order at 1:05 by President Al Piringer.

Minutes for July were approved as corrected; page 2 should read "His" contributions, etc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Richard Zimmerman sent his thanks to FAR-B for sponsoring a luncheon for the executive committee of the International Society for Horticultural Science, given Friday 7/19/91 at the Visitors' Center.
- FAR-B also funded two summer student aids, at the suggestion of Steve Berberich. Susan Dryburgh and Theresa Weaver. They assisted at the Visitors' Center and in the Publication Branch of the ARS Office of Information, respectively.

SYMPOSIUM XVI REPORT

Dr. VanDerWoude announced the banquet speaker will be Dr. Marc Cathey. He will present a talk entitled, "Our Global Garden". USDA-CSRS grant of \$7,000 has been awarded to support travel for participants to the symposium. In the September Agricultural Research Magazine, there will be several articles on photomorphogenesis that will be of interest to those attending the symposium. If it is distributed in time, each participant will receive a copy. Dr. VanDerWoude said there were 190 registrants at this time. A logo for the symposium is being developed by the ARS information office.

Dr. Irving said Vivian K. Toole was notified that she had been chosen for the Outstanding Scientist Award. Frank Longen said the plaque is ready to be picked up.

SYMPOSIUM XVII REPORT

Dr. Tim Gish made a list of 100 people who have made an impact on water quality. At the present time he has 200 motel rooms blocked; 400 people might attend. He said he needs approval for use of the auditorium and for announcements for advertisement in Journals. He is working with Sandy Henry on the NPS for a logo. Dr. Finney said Sandy Henry would let Dr. Gish know how to pay for the work on the logo. Dr. Gish said Dr. Sadeghi is working on local arrangements, banquet, etc. FAR-B usually chairs the group that selects the Outstanding Scientist Award. Dr. Gish would then gather information on qualifications of those chosen. Dr. Gish mentioned that Governor Donald Schaefer is very interested in the water issue. Dr. Gish is

interested in getting letters sent to industry groups for donations to symposium XVII. Ginger will prepare a list of these industries. Dr. Gish handed out a tentative agenda of symposium XVII.

AREA OFFICE REPORT

- The new Deputy Secretary of Agriculture accompanied by Bill O'Connor (Secretary Madigan's Chief of Staff) visited and toured Beltsville Agriculture Research Center. Dr. Plowman accompanied them and was pleased by the visit.
- Dr. Finney handed out a copy of the ARS FY 1992 budget.
- Dr. Finney handed out a copy of the new supervisory Lines in the NPS. They will be housed in Building 005. Dr. Marc Cathey will be coming on board as of 9/9/91. Dr. G. C. Marten will head the Arboretum in an interim position.
- Three BARC scientists received super grade promotions. They were Vern Purcel, Barbara Leonhardt and Dr. J. P. Dubey.
- At the 45th Annual USDA Honor Awards Ceremony in June, Secretary Madigan presented the Distinguished Service Award to the Animal Improvement Programs Laboratory. R. Chaney and H. Brooks also received Superior Service Awards.
- Orville A. Levander has been selected as the Beltsville Area Scientist of the Year for 1991 and Dante S. Zarlenga has been selected as the Beltsville Area Early Career Research Scientist for 1991.
- Modernization of Buildings 003 and 007 should be completed by the end of 1991. We will begin moving into Building 007 in December, and Building 003 will be reoccupied in January 1992. The buildings will be rededicated 4/24/92 on "Earth Day".

VISITORS' CENTER

All FAR-B members should receive a packet advertising a new Livestock Paintings Exhibit at the NAL starting September 13, 1991. The exhibit is sponsored by the American Minor Breeds Conservancy. Treasurer, Frank Longen recommended assisting with \$500.00. William Bailey made the motion to support them and John Moseman seconded. Steve thanked John Moseman and George Irving for attending the luncheon for the Maryland Agricultural Commission. Dr. Phil Kearney attended also. In July we hosted 4,000 visitors, representing 26 countries. Steve said he needed more volunteers and suggested we put a notice in the next Newsletter. The next Newsletter will be out mid-September. Steve mentioned a conversation with Dr. Al Fusonie suggesting that they consider NAL as the venue for the opening of an educational exhibit of Seeds of Change, an exposition that will depict cultural changes in the 500 years since Columbus discovered America.

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Account:

Balance as of Treasurer's Report of 6/11/91: \$13,824.15

Income: (Since 6/11/91)

New Members \$220.00

Membership Renewals	\$120.00	
Contributions:		
Butterworth (Dr. Bills		
Royalty)	402.57	
Helen Alexander	80.00	
Wm. Wergin	25.00	
Interest:		
June	74.59	
July	<u>75.45</u>	
Total Income:		<u>997.61</u>
Total Available:		\$14,821.76

Expenses: (Since 6/11/91)

#122 Staples/Office Supp.	13.17	
#123 R.H. Zimmerman/ISHS		
Luncheon	<u>242.88</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>256.05</u>
Balance as of August 13, 1991:		<u>\$14,565.71</u>

Conferences & Symposia Accounts:

	#16-2034939	#16-7800701	
	<u>Non-Int.Bear.</u>	<u>Int. Bearing</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Balance as of June 11, 1991:	\$4,253.81	\$18,430.07	\$22,683.88
<u>Income:</u> (Since 6/11/91)			
Interest - June	-	100.01	
Interest - July	-	91.50	
Proceedings-Symp XV	-	<u>\$70.00</u>	
Total Income:	-	<u>261.51</u>	<u>261.51</u>
Total Available:	\$4,253.81	\$18,691.58	\$22,945.39
<u>Expenses:</u> (Since 6/11/91)			
#270 Benjamin Off. Supply	4.00		
#271 Patriot Cruises	200.00		
#102 Elsevier Sc.Pub.(ColorArt)		4,981.58	
#103 Elsevier Sc.Pub.(288 cc's)		<u>3,187.00</u>	
Total Expenses:	<u>204.00</u>	<u>8,168.58</u>	<u>8,372.58</u>
Balance as of August 13, 1991:	\$4,049.81	\$10,523.00	\$14,572.81

The report was approved as read.

It was announced that John G. Shaw and Bill Edwards passed away.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia L. Hupfer

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* * * * * Next Meeting * * * * *

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING is Tuesday, September 10, 1991, 1:00 p.m.,
Room 402, NAL Building.**

September 00, 1991

Office of Government Ethics
Address

Dear.....:

The Friends of Agricultural Research-Beltsville, ^{INC.} composed principally of retired professionals of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, has serious reservations concerning some aspects of the proposed new regulations dealing with the ethical conduct of Federal employees. Specifically, we are concerned that the proposed regulations have the potential of so restricting the activities of employees who are elected officers of professional organizations that: 1] presently employed professionals in the Federal service will not seek such positions, thereby depriving the Federal service of the prestige associated with them; 2] the most capable prospective professional employees will forego employment in the Federal service in favor of employment in industry or academia where employees are encouraged and supported in their activities as elected officers of professional organizations.

Professional societies, to which practically all professionals belong, are the life blood of the professions and of the research organizations in which professionals are employed. Through national and local meetings where results of on-going researches are presented, discussed and debated, and through the publication of the journals and bulletins that make permanent record of research results, professional societies establish and operate an essential international communications network. Most societies employ paid executives to conduct the society's major business affairs, but the National as well as local officers of these societies are elected by their professional peers to serve for limited periods, usually one year. Such officerships invariably fall to professionals who are outstanding in their fields, thus honoring the individuals as well as their employers. In discharging their duties, such officers require occasional use of telephone and other means of communication as well as travel to participate and exercise leadership in meetings where research results are presented and the society's business is conducted. Federal employees who are nominated to serve as officers of professional societies need to know that, if elected, they will be permitted to perform the functions of office with the necessary support of their supervisors.

Paragraph 2635.806 (c) of the proposed regulations states that, "Unless an employee is specifically authorized by statute, executive order, or regulation to serve in an official capacity as an officer of a professional association or similar organization, he may not use official time to administer the

internal affairs of any such organization or to carry out its business affairs, or to attend or to participate in meetings or events that primarily serve those purposes." We believe these requirements are unnecessarily restrictive, will discourage current and prospective Federal employees from aspiring to offices in their professional societies, and will thus deprive the Federal service of professionals who are the recognized leaders in their fields.

It has been traditional in the Federal service to encourage employees to hold office in professional societies because those chosen for such offices are the elite in their fields. It is known that such excellence among an organization's personnel attracts excellence.

We believe responsibility for authorizing employees to function as officers of professional societies need not be encumbered as indicated in paragraph 2635.806 (c) of the proposed regulations, but should continue to reside at the supervisory level closest to the employee-officers, where informed judgement can be exercised concerning the extent and appropriateness of the activities they will be performing.

Sincerely,

Albert A. Piringier
President

FAR-B ITEMS

Tuesday, September 10, 1:00 p.m.
NAL Building

1. Dr. Marten overseeing operations at the Arboretum - *Cathy - Chair Florist & Nursery
Crops
NPS*

2. Land Management Use
Approximate projected cost of master plan and
boundary survey ~~250K~~ *~ 750K*

3. Study for Autocode being conducted

- development of the Master Plan and subsequent FMOD operations at BARC
- Autocode will cost between 250-500K (Headquarters support)

4. Ethics issue

- Dr. Plowman Asked PD to develop issue paper
- being

5. Dr. Hess - resign
Sept. 30

6. Update on LPSI research

- facilities plan
- research highlights

Symposium - Registration # 200+



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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by President Al Piringer.

Minutes for August were approved as distributed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Al Piringer

- FAR-B will co sponsor the reception 3:30 pm on Friday, September 13, 1991 for the art exhibit, "The Art of American Livestock Breeding" sponsored by the American Minor Breeds Conservancy. Reception invitations were sent to FAR-B members.

SYMPOSIUM XVI REPORT - William VanDerWoude

Dr. VanDerWoude reported that the logo was designed by Sandy Henry of the ARS information office. He brought a handout of the logo and a "Brief Schedule of Events" for Beltsville Symposium XVI. He added the program included 2 hour tours of Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. The Agricultural Research Magazine featuring articles on photomorphogenesis arrived in time to be included in the materials to be given to participants. "A Pigment of the Imagination" giving a history of the discovery of phytochrome will also be provided. Dr. Irving said Vivian K. Toole will be attending the symposium and Frank Longen displayed the plaque she will be receiving for the Outstanding Scientist Award.

SYMPOSIUM XVII REPORT - Timothy Gish

Dr. Gish reported that Dr. Coffman is in charge of looking into the Holiday Inn as a possible site to hold the posters. He said the oral presentations were firm. Dr. Finney previously indicated he will talk to Dr. Plowman to determine what political people will talk at the symposium. Dr. Irving will write a letter to send to companies soliciting funds supporting the 1992 symposium. Dr. Gish will augment the existing list and return to Ginger to send out. Dr. Gish asked if FAR-B had thought of names for the Outstanding Scientist Award. Dr. Gish will have some names and their qualifications.

Dr. Piringer said the 1993 symposium would be on global climate change and it's influence on bio diversity.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - TOM SEXTON

In the absence of Dr. Finney, Dr. Tom Sexton reported on the following:

- Dr. Cathey is now working on the National Program Staff here at Beltsville. Dr. Marten is currently overseeing operations at the Arboretum until a new director is appointed.
- Dr. Sexton reported on a Land Management Use Committee, which will update a masterplan for Beltsville Agricultural Research Center every five years. There is a proposed boundary survey which will be all encompassing. The Beltsville Area Office has decided to let a contract in FY 92 to do that task; \$750,000 has been allocated for the master plan and \$250,000 for the boundary survey.
- He discussed the expansion of route 1 from 4 to 6 lanes and Edmonston Road from 4 to 6 lanes. There was some discussion of land usage.
- He discussed the implementation of a new computer system for Beltsville, which would catalog the engineering and placement of water, electric, and utility lines. This will go hand in hand with the master plan for BARC.
- He brought up the proposed new regulations dealing with the ethical conduct of Federal employees. Dr. Irving drafted a letter, which he passed out, urging members to send to their representatives. Dr. Marten is Beltsville's Ethics Officer.
- Dr. Hess resigned 9/30/91.
- Modernization of animal areas - completion of dairy free stall barns; recent development in research areas - transgenic animals and genetic engineering.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Frank Longen

General Account:

Balance as of Treasurer's Report of August 13, 1991:	\$14,565.71
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Income: (Since 8/13/91)

Membership Renewals	\$40.00	
Interest	<u>\$71.06</u>	
Total Income:		<u>111.06</u>
Total Available:		\$14,676.77

Expenses: (Since 8/13/91)

#124 - Postmaster (Box Rent)	49.00	
#125 - Assoc. of NAL/Contr. to Exh.	500.00	
#125 - Dottie's Trophies/Placque	<u>91.65</u>	
Total Expenses:		<u>640.65</u>
Balance as of Sept. 10, 1991:		\$14,036.12

Conference and Symposia Accounts:

#16-2034939	#16-7800701	
<u>Non-Int.bear</u>	<u>Int. bear.</u>	<u>Totals:</u>

Balance as of Aug. 13, 1991:	\$4,049.81	\$10,523.00	\$14,572.81
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Income: (Since 8/13/91)

Proceedings-Symp XV	-	35.00	
Reg. Fees-Symp XVI	-	12,480.00	
Interest - August	-	51.14	
Total Income:			<u>12,566.14</u>
Total Available:	4,049.81	23,089.14	27,138.95

Expenses: (Since 8/13/91)

#273 Exec. Charter Serv. (Bus)	100.00		
#274 Canceled			
#275 Conf. Center, U. of Md/Lodging	390.00		
#276 Conf. Center, U. of Md/Lodging	42.00		
#277 Conf. Center, U. of Md/Lodging	42.00		
#278 Conf. Center, U. of Md/Lodging	42.00		
#279 Conf. Center, U. of Md/Lodging	210.00		
Total Expenses:	826.00	-	826.00
Balance as of Sept. 10, 1991:	\$3,233.81	\$23,089.14	\$26,312.95

The report was approved as read.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 2:10.

Respectfully Submitted,

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***** Next Meeting *****

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING is Tuesday, October 8, 1991, 1:00 p.m., Room 402, NAL Building.



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The FAR-B Board of Directors met on October 8, 1991 in Room 402 NAL Building. Those in attendance were: Al Piringer, George Irving, Bill Bailey, Frank Longen, Essex Finney, Jr., John Moseman, Jane Wall, Bill Hollis, and Ginger Hupfer. Guests at the meeting included Steve Britz and Tim Gish.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by President Al Piringer.

Minutes for September should have included the fact that Gus Hanson made the motion, which was seconded by John Moseman that the letter concerning ethics in government go forward. The minutes were approved as amended.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Al Piringer

- The art exhibit, "The Art of American Livestock Breeding" had a good kick-off Friday, September 13. FAR-B was well represented and the American Minor Breeds Conservancy acknowledged the support FAR-B gave.
- Al talked with Norm Steele about BARC Poster Day II. It is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 2, 1992.

SYMPOSIUM XVI REPORT - Steve Britz

Dr. Britz handed out statistical and financial summaries for the symposium. There were a total of 223 registrants, 30 of which were from Beltsville. Eighty-seven participants were from foreign countries. Fifty-eight speakers participated and 98 posters were presented. In addition to substantial funding from the Beltsville Area symposium account, the current financial summary indicates that the symposium was financially assisted as follows: FAR-B - \$2,915; Grant funded by CSRS - \$7,000; Climate Stress Lab - \$3,150; Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station - \$5,000. The cost of the proceedings, to be published in the Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology will be \$10,000. Among some of the highlights of the symposium Steve mentioned was "Reflections on the Early Years of Phytochrome Research", which Al Piringer chaired. Very favorable comments on the symposium were received from the participants. The scientific content of the symposium was evaluated as excellent.

SYMPOSIUM XVII REPORT - Tim Gish

Dr. Gish handed out a list of possible candidates for the FAR-B Outstanding Scientist Award in the field of water quality. Cecil Wadly was also mentioned by Al Piringer. Holiday Inn is the probable site for the banquet which will be held on Wednesday night. The poster sessions are tentatively scheduled to be held in building 003. Symposium proceedings will be published in the Journal of Environmental Quality, where Dr. Gish and Dr. Ritchie will serve as guest associate editors. Symposium XVII will be a three day symposium, ending with tours of the

*Rec'd from Ginger Hupfer 10-21-91
344-4628*

University of Maryland at College Park and Beltsville water quality research sites on Friday.

Bill Hollis initiated a discussion of the role that the American Chemical Society should play in coordinating information and planning in the area of water quality research.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - Essex E. Finney, Jr.

- Dr. Hess resigned 9/30/91
- Dr. Finney listed Secretary Madigan's new priorities
 - 1) Utilization of agricultural commodities for non food ~~commodities~~ ^{uses}
 - 2) Bio fuels
 - 3) Human nutrition education

These priorities are emphasized in terms of budget increases.

- Dr. Finney handed out two articles criticizing the new guidelines restricting activities of government employees under the new ethics code change.
- Dr. Phil Kearney is organizing an open house, Friday April 24, 1992 to dedicate the renovation-reopening of buildings 003 and 007. They are hoping to have Dr. Plowman and Congressional Representatives attend. A symposium is scheduled from 8:00-10:30am and the ceremony will begin at 10:30. Saturday, April 25th, employees and their families will be welcome to attend the open house.
- Dr. Finney handed out a financial report reflecting "preliminary" conference line items and funding decisions for ARS programs and facilities. He pointed out a \$16,000,000 line item for Buildings and Facilities, which includes construction money for new ARS Plant Science Building. The building will be located west of Building 003 and will house the Fruit Laboratory, Vegetable Laboratory and the Florist & Nursery Crop Laboratory. These funds also include the rebuilding of the Range 2 greenhouse complex.
- The firm of Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum has completed the model of the new Plant Science Building. If possible a copy of the model will be brought to the next meeting.
- Five Associate Deputy Administrators will report to Ed Knipling instead of two. John Cherry has been detailed to Agriproducts & Human Nutrition Sciences on a temporary basis and Neil Rutger is "acting" ADA for Genetic Resources.
- The vacancy announcement for Director of the Arboretum is 10/9-11/25/91.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Frank Longen

General Account:

Balance as of Treasurer's Report of 9/10/91: \$14,036.12

Income: (Since 9/10/91)

Interest \$73.27

Total Income:

73.27

Total Available:

\$14,109.39

Expenses: (Since 9/10/91)

#126 Postmaster/Postage	145.00	
Total Expenses:		145.00
Balance as of October 8, 1991:		<u>\$13,964.39</u>

Conferences & Symposia Accounts:

	#16-2034939 <u>Non-Int.Bear</u>	#16-7800701 <u>Int. Bearing</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Balances as of Sept. 10, 1991:	3,223.81	23,089.14	\$26,312.95
<u>Income: (Since 9/10/91)</u>			
From Reg. Fees, Excursion, Lodging	2,106.00	5,541.00	7,647.00
Interest	-	92.96	92.96
Total Income:	<u>2,106.00</u>	<u>5,633.96</u>	<u>7,739.96</u>
Total Available:	5,329.81	28,723.10	34,052.91

Expenses: (Since 9/10/91)

#280 Conf. Center/Lodging	63.00		
#281 V.Hupfer/Reimb.-Ban.Tkts.	65.45		
#282 Exec.Charter Serv./Bus	930.00		
#283 Patriot Cruises/Boat Trip	405.00		
#284 Chas. Hall/Box Lunches	564.00		
#285 S.Britz/Van Transp.	44.62		
#286 S.Britz/Photos	31.13		
#287 R.Hangarter/Ref.-Excur.	40.00		
#288 J.C. Lagerius/Ref.-Excur.	40.00		
#289 Todd Cooke/Ref.Reg.	100.00		
#290 F.Longen/Reimb.-Money Ord.	48.75		
#104 Cash/to pay honoraria advances at Symp.		2,000.00	
#105 The Crab Claw/Dinner		<u>2,359.98</u>	
Total Expenses:	<u>2,331.95</u>	<u>4,359.98</u>	<u>6,691.93</u>
Balances as of October 8, 1991:	\$2,997.86	\$24,363.12	<u>\$27,360.98</u>

The report was approved as read.

NEWSLETTER - Jane Wall

Jane said the next Newsletter would be out December or January.

Dr. Irving will serve on a committee to select Outstanding Scientist Award.

Bill Bailey said the next luncheon meeting for ARS retirees will be held at the Greenbelt

American Legion October 17, 1991.

John Moseman said Russell Steere had undergone surgery. Ginger Hupfer volunteered to get a card for Dr. Steere.

Frank Longen questioned whether, since our supply of FAR-B leaflets was low, we should update the flyers. Bill Hollis, John Moseman, and Frank Longen will serve on a committee to investigate this. Dr. Finney said we could work with the National Program Staff on this. After some discussion, Frank Longen made a motion we continue to leave the dues the same. Bill Hollis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 2:40.

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by President Al Piringer.

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- Al met with Waldemar Klassen in Vienna Austria.
- Steve Berberich accompanied Judi Ho who came to enlist FAR-B's support in funding the reception for the National Museum of Natural History's 13,000 sq. ft. exhibit, "Seeds of Change". The exhibit will premier at the NAL, 12/4/91, and will run for 3 weeks. The reception will be at 3:00 p.m. At the suggestion of Judy Ho, Al recommended we make \$500. available for the reception. Bill Hollis made the motion; George Irving seconded it. Motion carried. Frank Longen will be contacted.

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- Dr. Kearney handed out a detailed summary of the Natural Resources Institute.

Bill Hollis handed out a Brochure Review Committee report, but action was tabled until the December meeting.

Jane Wall made the suggestion that since this was the 5th anniversary of FAR-B, we should build the December Newsletter around what FAR-B set out to do and what we accomplished.

Gus Hanson suggested that Vivian K. Toole, winner of the 1991 Outstanding Scientist award at Symposium XVI should receive recognition in one of her Society's Newsletters. Ginger will talk to Dr. VanDerWoude about this.

Ginger Hupfer will also update the BOD directory with the 1992 and 1993 Symposium co-chairmen listed.

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Jane Wall made the suggestion that since this was the 5th anniversary of FAR-B, we should build the December Newsletter around what FAR-B set out to do and what we accomplished.

Gus Hanson suggested that Vivian K. Toole, winner of the 1991 Outstanding Scientist award at Symposium XVI should receive recognition in one of her Society's Newsletters. Ginger will talk to Dr. VanDerWoude about this.

Ginger Hupfer will also update the BOD directory with the 1992 and 1993 Symposium co-chairmen listed.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia L. Hupfer

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***** Next Meeting *****

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING is Tuesday, December 10, 1991,
1:00 p.m., Room 402 NAL Building.**



FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH-BELTSVILLE, Inc.

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The FAR-B Board of Directors met on **December 10, 1991** in Room 402 NAL Building. Those in attendance were: Al Piringer, George Irving, Bill Bailey, John Moseman, Bill Hollis, Russell Steere, Frank Longen, Essex E. Finney, Jr, and Ginger Hupfer. Guests at the meeting included Steve Berberich.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by President Al Piringer.

On page two the minutes for the November meeting should have read Earth Day would be held April 24 instead of February 24. Minutes were approved as amended.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Al Piringer

- The "Seeds of Change" exhibit is still in the NAL lobby. It premiered at the NAL, 12/4/91. Steve Berberich thanked FAR-B for it's support and said he explained ARS to those who didn't know what ARS was. He said Alan Fusonie gave a good talk.

SYMPOSIUM XVII REPORT - Ginger Hupfer

If Dr. Gish doesn't get information on nominees for Outstanding Scientist Award to committee before Dr. Irving leaves for Florida, Ginger will mail package to him in Florida. Gus Hanson, Frank Longen and George Irving make up the committee. The modified solicitation letter was mailed to Dr. Irving and Dr. Piringer for comment.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - Essex E. Finney, Jr.

- Dr. George Papavizas, Research Leader of the Biocontrol of Plant Diseases Laboratory at Beltsville will retire at the end of December 1991. His research has culminated in the first registration by EPA of Gliocladium virens, a naturally occurring beneficial fungus, for the biological control of damping-off diseases of ornamentals and other crop plants.
- Pat Millner has been appointed RL of the Soil-Microbial Systems Laboratory. She will be replacing Don Kaufman.
- Don Egolf from the Arboretum passed away last year. He worked in shrub breeding and genetics.
- The list of applicants for the position of Director of the Arboretum must be in by the middle of December. Applicants will give a small seminar the middle of January.
- ARS budget for FY 1992 went from \$624 million to \$660 million. ARS also received about \$50 million for various facility projects nationwide.
- Beltsville received about \$5 million in program increases and \$16 million to continue the BARC Modernization Program.
- in 1992, appropriation will be increased \$400 thousand to

- assist with water bill at Arboretum. Plans are to put in wells for irrigation.
- a 3 or 4% pay increase due to take effect in January 1992.
- Largest amount of funding is to construct the new Plant Sciences Building. Our first new building in 20 years, located across from the Bio Science Building.
- In late January or early February, we will be moving back to Building 003 - the Administration Building.
- *4/25th* An April program is being planned to dedicate the renovation-reopening of buildings 003 and 007.
- New signs will be placed at both entrances to BARC-West this spring so that they will be more visible to the public.
- The newly remodeled Building 003 will include a remodeled auditorium, cafeteria, and expanded conference room facilities.
- We will be putting major emphasis on updating the Land Use Master Plan for BARC in 1992. We have made this our Number 1 priority for agency funding this year. It will include a boundary survey with markers around the center.
- Orville A. Levander, Research Chemist, has been selected as the Beltsville Area Scientist of the Year for 1991. He, along with 3 others will be honored at a ceremony downtown, January 29, 1992.

Poster Day, April 24, 1992, coincides with FAR-B's 1992 Annual Meeting at the Visitors Center.

*March 10,
1992*

TREASURER'S REPORT - Frank Longen

General Account:

Balance as of Treasurer's Report of 10/8/91: \$13,964.39

Income: (Since 10/8/91)

New Membership	\$10.00	
Interest 10/22/91	57.25	
Interest 11/22/91	<u>59.67</u>	
Total Income:		<u>126.92</u>
Total Available:		\$14,091.31

Expenses: (Since 10/8/91)

#127 S. Berberich/Bowie Garden Cl		
Luncheon Reimb.	37.59	
#128 A. Fusonie/"Seeds of Ch. Ex.	<u>500.00</u>	
Total Expenses:		<u>537.59</u>
Balance as of December 10, 1991:		\$13,553.72

Conferences and Symposia Accounts:

	#16-2034939	#16-7800701	
	<u>Non-int.Bear</u>	<u>Int.Bearing</u>	<u>Totals:</u>
Balances as of Oct. 8, 1991	2,997.86	24,363.12	\$27,360.98

Income: (Since 10/8/91)

From Md. Expt. Station	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Reimb. for Travel Advances	-	1,200.00	1,200.00
Interest 10/22/91	-	87.19	87.19
Interest 11/22/91	-	55.72	55.72
Total Income:	-	<u>6,342.91</u>	<u>6,342.91</u>
Total Available:	\$2,997.86	\$30,706.03	\$33,703.89

Expenses: (Since 10/8/91)

#106 U of MD, Un. Coll.	-	12,896.40	12,896.40
Balance as of Dec. 10, 1991:	\$2,997.86	\$17,809.63	\$20,807.49

The report was approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

The committee to revise the FAR-B brochure (John Moseman, Frank Longen & Bill Hollis) will work with Steve Berberich, and report back at the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Jane Wall announced that she will be leaving the Board of Directors in March. She will still be editing the Newsletter. Bill Bailey, John Moseman and Russell Steere will meet to come up with a successor. Dr. Finney will also search for some names.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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* * * * * Next Meeting * * * * *

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING is Tuesday, January 14, 1992,
1:00 p.m., Room 402 NAL Building.

